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SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT:
GHANAIAN DELEGATE'S VIEWS ON PREPCOM ISSUE

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1. PURSUANT REFTTEL, ECON COUNSELOR MET JANUARY 17
WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUPERVISING DIRECTOR,
ECONOMIC RELATIONS, JOSEPH CLELAND, AND JANUARY 18
WITH DR. ROBERT DODOO, SECRETARY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PLANNING AND ANALYSIS GROUP, COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND GHANA NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR
PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR UNCSTD. DODOO GIDL BE GHANA'S
DELEGATE TG JANUARY 23 TO FEBRUARY 3 PRECOM MEETING
IN GENEVA.

2. BIO DATA. DR. ROBERT DODOO RECEIVED M.A. AND IN 1972
PHD FROM UCLA IN NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.
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HE HAS VISITED US FOR MEETINGS VIRTUALLY EVERY YEAR SINCE.
MOST RECENTLY, IN DECEMBER 1977, HE SPENT FOUR WEEKS
AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA IN CONNECTION WITH USAID-
SUPPORTED NORTHEAST GHANA SAVANNAH RESEARCH PROGRAM. HE
IS CURRENTLY PREPARING PAPER ON TECHNOLOGY NEEDS IN LIGHT
OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR JUNE, 1978 MEETING IN BOSTON
OF US ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES. CLEARLY, HE IS

FAMILIAR WITH U.S. AND U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY VIEWS,
AND, WE JUDGE, WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD THEM.

3. GHANAIAN DELEGATION TO PREPCOM WILL ALSO INCLUDE
MEMBERS OF GHANA'S PERMANENT MISSION IN GENEVA; CLELAND
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED MR. ESHUN.

4. U.S. DELEGATES AND VIEWS. E/C COUNSELOR LEFT LIST
OF US DELEGATES AND BRIEF PAPER OUTLINING US VIEWS ON
PREPCOM ISSUES, PER PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3, REFTEL, WITH
CLELAND AND DODOO. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF GHANAIAN
PREPARATIONS BASED LARGELY ON INFORMATION FROM DODOO.

5. GENERAL. GOG HAS DESIGNATED CSIR AS FOCAL POINT FOR
GOG PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD. GHANA SUPPORTS CONVENING
OF CONFERENCE AND PLANS PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN PREPARATORY
WORK AND IN CONFERENCE ITSELF. PROFESSOR A.K.
TACKIE, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, CSIR, WILL BE SENIOR MEMBER,
IF NOT LEADER, OF GOG DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE ITSELF.

6. NATIONAL PAPER. SECTOR PAPERS ARE IN PREPARATION AND
ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT JANUARY 30 AND 31 NATIONAL PREPA-
RATORY MEETING FOR UNCSTD; COUNTRY PAPER NOT YET DRAFTED
AND DR. DODOO EXPECTS GOG TO SUPPORT EXTENSION OF MAY
FIRST DEADLINE. (HE ALSO WOULD WELCOME CONSULTANT TO
ADVISE ON PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PAPER).
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7. SUBJECT AREAS. DR. DODOO WELCOMED U.S. VIEW THAT
UNCSTD FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE ROLE S AND T CAN PLAY IN
MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IN LDC'S, AND WOULD SUPPORT
FOCUS ON MEANS FOR STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE ("INSTITUTIONAL
CAPABILITY" IN GHANAIAN DRAFT PAPER) NEEDED IN LDC'S TO
SUSTAIN THEIR OWN S&T CAPABILITIES, BUT NOT QTE INSTEAD
OF UNQTE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ITSELF. DR. DODOO BELIEVES
GOG POSITION WILL INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR FOCUS ON DIRECT
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

8. WEST AFRICA. SUB-REGIONAL MEETING, ACCRA, MARCH 6 TO 11.
THE CSIR, IN COOPERATION WITH THE UN OFFICE OF S&T
AND ECA, WILL HOST A SUB-REGIONAL MEETING OF ALL WEST
AFRICAN NATIONS TO TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS OF PREPARING FOR
UNCSTD AND TO REVIEW RESULTS OF PREPCOM MEETING. OTHER
UN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO SEND OBSERVERS. QUESTION OF
CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST WITH NATIONAL PAPERS WILL CERTAINLY
BE DISCUSSED, DR. DODOO SAID. HE HOPED USG WOULD SEND
AN OBSERVER.

9. NO GOG DECISION ON VENUE. GOG HAS NOT YET TAKEN A

POSITION ON WHERE UNCSTD SHOULD BE HELD.

10. COMMENT: THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY
IN GOG ATTITUDE ON ISSU EMERGING FOR UNCSTD AND
WILLINGNESS AT THIS STAGE TO CONSIDER U.S. VIEWS,
PARTICULARLY ON PART OF CSIR OFFICIALS. WE EXPECT RATHER
HARDER LINE WILL BE ESPOUSED AT PREPCOM MEETING BY GOG
REPRESENTATIVES FROM GENEVA MISSION. SMITH

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